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~~8.~~ (Currently Amended) A method for providing protection against malicious code, said method comprising:

intercepting packets in an information communication traffic pattern;

steering said packets between interfaces associated with an information communication originator and said intended recipient, said steering providing detouring of at least a portion of said packets to a malicious code analyzer;

analyzing said at least a portion of said packets by said malicious code analyzer before releasing said at least a portion of said packets back into said traffic pattern; and

throttling communications by receiving information with respect to said packets and determining if said packets are to be passed in said traffic pattern.

7.   Please replace claim 30 as follows:

30.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing protection against malicious code, said system comprising:

a steering module for directing packets between a first interface and a second interface of said system, wherein said steering module provides a translate function that monitors each packet provided to said first interface and said second interface for packets to be provided malicious code analysis and directs at least some of said packets to a malicious code analyzer;

said malicious code analyzer coupled to said steering module for receiving packets which are not addressed for receipt by said malicious code analyzer but which are directed to said malicious code analyzer by said steering module and for providing packets analyzed by said malicious code analyzer to said steering module, wherein said malicious code analyzer provides a malicious code remediation function; and

a communications throttle coupled to said steering module for receiving information with respect to packets which are not addressed for receipt by said communications throttle but which information with respect thereto is directed to said